

## **Article 33**

### **CPC: Rosemary Lake and Trails Park and Recreation Commission**

**\$200,000**

#### **Background**

Though swimming in Rosemary Lake ended in 1969, the Lake has continued to be a location for Park and Recreation sailing lessons, canoes and kayaks over the past 50 years. Residents can often be seen fishing from the street side, and throughout the summer, the Minuteman Model Yacht Club hosts model sailing regattas. The removal of the sediment on the lake bottom is expected to begin in early September 2019 and be complete by late Spring 2020. The trailhead from the Rosemary Recreation Complex parking lot was renovated during the pool construction project. The trails go through the Camp Property on the opposite side of the lake.

#### **Projects**

The overall goal is to encourage public use of Rosemary Lake and the Rosemary Lake trails.

- ◆ Replace dock with ADA dock and create accessible pathway to dock;
- ◆ Add picnic shelter in Camp Property;
- ◆ Make some trail improvements to improve safety.



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#### **DOCK REPLACEMENT—estimated cost \$80,000-100,000**

The current dock is more than 30 years old, located at the bottom of a set of stairs. The goal is to replace the dock, moving to a more level location, so that it can be utilized by people of all abilities. The new dock would have accessible options, to guide people into canoes and kayaks. It would also be larger and able to accommodate the new paddle boats that are being donated by the Needham Exchange Club. Last fall, Eagle Scout Justin Ochalla built two outdoor boat racks to hold the department's canoes and kayaks. It is anticipated that the dock will be floating, and a decision on whether it needs to be removed for the winter will be made when the actual model is known. This project will be done after the Rosemary Sediment removal process, so will be ready for Summer 2020.



Sample dock options—actual dock not chosen at this time



Eagle Scout Justin Ochalla



*Left:* Current dock location



*Right:* Possible new location—need to work with Conservation Commission on location



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**PICNIC SHELTER**—estimated cost \$25,000-30,000 for structure, plus installation and picnic tables

Once the former buildings are removed, the goal is to replace the “shelter building” with a covered picnic area. The structure would be placed on a concrete pad and be vandal resistant. As access to the site is challenging, the cost for installation will be impacted. This area would be available for use by residents using the Rosemary Trail, as well as the Park and Recreation Outdoor Living Adventure Program, and any other year-round nature based programs utilizing the site. Needham High School has used the trails in the past for some class work, so this area would be an “outdoor classroom.”



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#### **TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS—estimated cost TBD**

The dock and picnic shelter are the highest priorities for this funding, so the scope of the trail improvements will depend on the amount of funds remaining. The majority of the trail is in good condition, but some areas would benefit from safety additions, including railings or steps. An Eagle Scout is looking at a possible stair project in one section. The Assistant Director of Park and Recreation is looking at options for adding a story book trail. The trail head at the Rosemary Recreation Complex parking lot was repaired during the pool construction project. In 2018, the bridge over Rosemary Brook was rebuilt by the Student Conservation Corps.

